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Mr. William Whitney  
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RE: Mercury and Air Toxics Standard, 40 CFR Part 63, Subpart UUUUU Request for a Compliance Extension

Dear Mr. Whitney:

This letter is in response to your request dated July 7, 2014 for a one-year compliance extension for MidAmerican Energy's coal-fired George Neal North boilers Unit 1 and Unit 2 to comply with the Mercury and Air Toxics Standard (MATS). The MATS compliance date for these boilers is April 16, 2015. MidAmerican Energy has requested a compliance extension until April 16, 2016, according to the provisions under 40 CFR § 63.6(i), because MidAmerican Energy asserts it needs additional time to cease using these units because of electric system reliability issues. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7 (EPA), by this letter approves this compliance extension until April 16, 2016.

Pursuant to 40 CFR § 63.6(i)(4)(i), the compliance extension must be incorporated into the Title V permit. Notwithstanding this extension of compliance for the provisions listed above, George Neal North Units 1 and 2 must meet all other applicable federal and State requirements. Pursuant to Section 113 of the Clean Air Act, MidAmerican Energy may be subject to civil fines and penalties of up to \$37,500 per day per violation, should compliance with 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart UUUUU not be achieved by the extended compliance date of April 16, 2016.

If you have any further questions regarding this compliance extension, please contact Mr. Ward Burns, at (913) 551-7960.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Smith, Chief  
Air Permitting and Compliance Branch

cc: Dennis Thielen  
Iowa Department of Natural Resources



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